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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, SCUL

SUBJECT: RAMON TAMAMES

REFERENCE: MADRID 7381

1. REFTEL WAS FIRST INDICATION DEPT HAD THAT EITHER
TAMAMES OR VIDAL BENITO WERE IN THE U.S.

2. EMBASSY WILL RECALL FOLLOWING SCENARIO REGARDING SERER'S
INVITATION TO SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE: SPONSORS OF CONFER-
ENCE, WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF NUMEROUS PRIVATE
GROUPS AS WELL AS SMITHSONIAN, INVITED SERER WITHOUT ANY
REFERENCE TO DEPT. WHEN DEPT LEARNED OF SERER'S INVITATION
HE HAD NOT ACCEPTED AND SMITHSONIAN, WHICH AGREED WITH FACT
THAT INVITATION HAD NOT BEEN DESIRABLE ACT, HOPED THAT HIS
FAILURE TO ACCEPT WOULD END MATTER. UNFORTUNATELY HE DE-
CIDED AT LAST MINUTE TO ACCEPT AND AT THAT POINT SMITHSONIAN
JUDGED, PROBABLY CORRECTLY, THAT IT SHOULD NOT MAKE MAJOR
ISSUE OF "ACADEMIC FREEDOM" BY POST FACTO WITHDRAWAL OF IN-
VITATION TO SERER.

3. SERER ACCOMPANIED BY TAMAMES AND VIDAL BENETO SHOWED UP
AT REGISTRATION DESK FOR CONFERENCE AND SINCE INVITATIONS
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WERE NOT CHECKED ALL THREE REGISTERED. HOWEVER, GARNICA

WHO KNOWS ALL THREE BY SIGHT HAS NOT SEEN EITHER TAMAMES OR VIDAL BENITO AT ANY OF THE SESSIONS. SERER HAS BEEN SEEN.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED BOTH GARNICA AND COY INFORMALLY THAT TAMAMES AND VIDAL BENITO WERE NOT INVITED AND ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE ISSUE IS RAISED ON THEIR RETURN TO SPAIN THEY CAN FIRMLY STATE THAT THESE TWO, WHILE THEY MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S., WERE IN FACT NOT INVITED TO CONFERENCE. GARNICA HAS AGREED TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON SITUATION AND TO LET US KNOW IF TAMAMES OR VIDAL BENITO SHOULD SHOW UP AT ANY OF SESSIONS.

5. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE TO INFORM GOS THAT TAMAMES AND VIDAL BENITO WERE NOT INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. THEIR NAMES DO NOT NOW APPEAR ON PUBLISHED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF DEPARTMENT CONTACTING INS TO HAVE TAMAMES' VISA CANCELLED AND ACTION TAKEN TO FORCE DEPARTURE. ROBINSON

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